



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 1600**

**PATENT**  
Customer No. 22,852  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Eugen UHLMANN et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1635  
Application No.: 09/627,787 ) Examiner: Richard A. Schnizer  
Filed: July 27, 2000 )  
For: CONJUGATES AND PROCESSES )  
FOR THEIR PREPARATION AND )  
THEIR USE FOR TRANSPORTING )  
MOLECULES ACROSS )  
BIOLOGICAL MEMBRANES )

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**AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Office Action of April 11, 2003, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that the claims of this application be amended as shown on the following pages. The period for response is extended to September 11, 2003, by a Petition for an Extension of Time and fee payment submitted herewith.

**Amendments to the claims begin on page 3.**

**Remarks begin on page 14.**

A **Statement of Common Ownership** of this application and United States Patent No. 6,013,639 to Peyman et al. at the time that the instant claimed invention was made follows the Remarks at page 29.

**Exhibits A-E** are also attached.

Applicants note that the Examiner and Applicants agree that the Office Action of April 11, 2003, should not have been made final. (Interview Summary of June 13, 2003, Paper No. 20.) Thus, Applicants submit this Amendment to mail-stop AF in accordance with the procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, but respectfully request the Office to withdraw the finality of this Office Action and enter the enclosed amendments. (See the Remarks section below.)

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